MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*). May I know from the member whether the Surgeon in charge received any remuneration from the patient?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether that remuneration has been ordered to be refunded?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Malpractice in the Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad.

228. ***MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Anbalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any case of medical malpractice was reported to them in regard to in-patients admitted to the Women's Hospital at Taikad;

(*b*) if so, whether the question was investigated; and

(*c*) what is the result of the investigation; if any?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) It is not possible to furnish the information required by the member, as no period has been specified.

Death of an in-patient in the Women and Children's Hospital.

229. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Secretary has received a memorial dated 8th January 1934 from one K. R. Das praying for an inquiry into the circumstances in which his wife, Ponnamma, died in the Women and Children's Hospital on 20-12-1933 and the conduct of some of the Doctors and Midwives attending upon that patient;

(*b*) whether a copy of the same would be laid on the table; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken on the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know what action has been taken?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered it already, Sir. I have said that the answer is confidential.

PRESIDENT: This question has been repeated and repeated in the course of the few questions that were asked on this matter.

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